

**Sustainability Committee
Minutes of Meeting
April 18, 2012
7 pm
Council Chambers**

No Quorum

Present: Lynn Stoddard (chair), Kristen Schwab, Rich Miller, Bill Lennon, Jennifer Kaufman (staff), Linda Painter (staff)

1. **Call to order, Welcome-** The meeting was called to order at 5:07 by chair Stoddard.
2. **Minutes-**The March, 2012 minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum.
3. **School Building Project-** The group discussed the how best to provide input to the Town Council regarding the project. Painter reported that a workshop will be scheduled for late May for the group to provide input to the Town Council. The committee feels that it can be most helpful with providing objective criteria to site the schools using sustainability principles. The approach will be more fully developed during the next meeting.
4. **HUD Community Challenge Planning Grant-** Painter distributed and solicited feedback regarding “Section B. Materials and Resource Conservation” and “Section C. Energy Conservation and Atmospheric Quality” EPA’s Sustainable Design and Green Building Toolkit. The goal of this assessment is to provide guidance in evaluating Mansfield’s existing zoning and subdivision regulations and building codes. Data gathered through this process will be used to create regulations and codes that encourage a more environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable town. Painter and Kaufman have been researching other assessment tools and models that would be useful in determining how to update the regulations and codes. These include tools available from LEED 2009 Neighborhood Development and information from the Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute.

Painter also announced that the work plan has been approved by HUD. The next step will be to develop and publicize a request for qualifications for a consultant to assist with implementing components of the grant.
5. **Communication and Coordination with other Town Committees-**No new news reported.
6. **Recent and Upcoming Events-**The March 27th CIMA event was a huge success. The University/Town Climate Action Forum was well attended and a great deal of networking took place. Members also reported that the April 3rd “Leading by Example: New Energy Opportunities for Municipalities” was attended by Ginny and Bill Hammon and was also very informative. Stoddard, who has been a key player in this initiative, plans to have a meeting with Matt Hart regarding some specifics for Mansfield.
7. **Adjourn-**The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Kaufman